

**Proclamation. State of Kansas, Executive department. In the observance of a universal custom, as old as the Commonwealths of the Union, I, Thomas Carney, Governor of the State of Kansas, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 26th day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer ... done at Topeka, this nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1863. Thomas Carney.**

**Proclamation.**

**State of Kansas**, Executive Department ,

In the observance of a universal custom, as old as the Commonwealths of the Union, I, THOMAS CARNEY, Governor of the State of Kansas , do hereby designate and set apart *THURSDAY, THE 26 th DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT* , as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer.

The Year now drawing to a close, has been one of great prosperity to the people of this State. We have been blessed with genial skies and fruitful fields. Abundant harvests have compensated the labors of the husbandman. In the midst of a depopulating and burdensome war our population has steadily increased, and our material interests have been advanced.

On the day thus set apart, let us assemble in our customary places of worship, and render thanks to Almighty God for the numberless blessings and mercies which have crowned the year; for the Divine Wisdom which has directed, and the Divine Power which has protected us.

Let us be thankful for the success which has attended our National Arms; for the preservation of our noble Government; for the humiliation of its rebellious enemies, and, above all, for the brightening promise of Universal Freedom .

Let us remember those whom the calamities of honorable warfare and the atrocities of merciless fiends have afflicted; to the widowed and the orphaned let us extend our liberality, and in their behalf invoke the support, guidance and protection of Divine Providence.

Finally, let us humbly acknowledge our manifold sins as a people, and pray God to preserve us from National decay; to sustain our Rulers, and crown our armies with victory—such a victory as shall insure permanent tranquility to the country, and FREEDOM to all our people.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and L. S. caused the Great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at Topeka, this nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1863.

**THOMAS CARNEY.**

BY THE GOVERNOR: W. W. H. Lawrence , *Sec'y of State* .

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